

cants for baptism. One was baptized, the other postponed until 29th, when we expect to begin a week's meeting with full hope that more will see the need of a Saviour. Also one by relation.
E. B. SHAVER.

Middletown, Va.

We are a little band of Christians here, and are doing the best we know for the cause. My father, George S. Rinker is our minister, and my brother is also a preacher. Brethren, pray that he may overcome every obstacle and make a useful laborer in the field.

Bro. E. B. Shaver and J. D. McFaden visits this place once in a while. They are doing a good work, and we would be glad to have either come here and hold a protracted meeting. Brethren pray for us that we may continue faithful.

MARY C. B. STEEL.

Wilson, Ohio.

Aug. 6th.—In my isolated condition, I am entirely cut off from the Brethren, and have not seen or heard one since the church at May Hill went Conservative. Yet I was blest with the weekly visits of the EVANGELIST, which always comes full of good news from all quarters. It is my visitor, preacher, counselor, and companion.

I am waiting for my passport to the sweet beyond. I cannot labor any but can walk a short distance through the aid of my cane and much care. My one desire and earnest hope is, to meet you all in the peaceful home beyond. Fraternally,
W. L. LYON.

To my Friends about Milford, Ind.

I have consented to fill Bro. Mallott's appointment at Milford, Ind., on Saturday evening Sept. 4th, and Sunday 5th. I shall be pleased to meet as many of my relatives and friends who live in that locality as may find it convenient to share in the meetings. It may be a long time before I may be able to get there again.

A. L. GARBER.

Sweet Home, Ind.

We held a council last Saturday at this place, and completed our arrangements for a new church-house in our congregation. We propose to commence Sept. 1st. We will dedicate some time in October. Yesterday we had two more accessions from the G. B's. at our regular appointments, one in the morning, and one in the evening. Both of them are excellent sisters. They are members that any church ought to be proud of. May their light shine in this world and in the world to come is the prayer of the writer.

F. H. FRAME.

Aug. 16.

Williams, Or.

Aug. 2.—Wife and I, on the 16th of July, started for Myrtle Point, Oregon. We found the Brethren and sisters all well. Had 6 meetings at Myrtle Point, and 3 down at the mouth of the river on the beach. While there we talked with some of the Brethren about church matters and found that there had been some brethren and sisters who had offered there church letters to the G. B's and they would not receive them unless they would

promise to come under the yoke of A. M. The Brethren told them they would not do it. The Brethren are looking for brother Beer in this month, on the 6th. I also promised to go back and be there on the 15th of this month, then there will be an organization at that place, which is much needed. Pray for us.
WM. PULLEN.

Jottings.

I left my home on the sixth for a route to northwestern Ohio. We are writing this at Bro. Rittenhouse's. On the eve of the 7th, Bro. R. F. Mallott stepped into our midst and of course he had to preach as usual. He preached Sunday at ten, at two and in the evening he took his departure for Indiana.

The field is large here but the membership is scattered.

We will keep meeting up in the grove till next Sunday, if no preventing providence, and then I presume we will go to some other part of the field of labor. We have had no addition up to this time, but we believe there are some that can say they are almost persuaded now to believe. Bro. Rittenhouse's health is not good at times, but we hope he will recruit and go into the field of labor, for God needs all such to work in his vineyard.

Brethren pray that God will bless us and help us to build up his Kingdom here below.

J. H. PALMER.

Kunkle, O., Aug. 10, 1886.

Roseburg, Dougless Co., Oregon.

MY DEAR BRETHREN: I can call you such. I can call any people brethren who love the Lord Jesus Christ, and keep his commandments. I do not wish to be so narrow-minded as to exclude all others who see as I do.

I have been laboring more or less for one year with the G. B's. in Coos Co., this state. The brethren know that I have not shunned to declare the whole truths of the Gospel, and condemned everything as essential outside of the Gospel. My work has been for the saving of souls. That work I find in God's word, and as it is an impossibility to work in union and harmony with the German Baptists here, I expect from henceforth to withdraw myself from A. M. power, from her laws, cuts and shapes, from the usages and customs of a power that has and will impede the progress of the growth of our Master's cause. As to neighbor's truth, and good people, I must decide in favor of the Dunkards in Coos Co., but the Elder rule I dislike. The district meeting of this State has selected men that are representative men, of the G. B's for the Mission field. I suppose that it is a good selection, and if the Lord has anything for them I suppose he will give it to them. I have no ill-will toward any one. I desire to see the cause I love prosper. I desire to get back upon the Apostle's platform.

Bro. Pullen, from William's Creek, was over at Myrtle Point, and paid us a visit, and preached us some good sermons. May the Lord enable him to do much good. He is sick of Elder rule and now stands upon the Brethren's platform. I suppose when he goes back to Myrtle Point he will not preach in the same house he did when he was there. The

shock of Elder Beer's Earth quake will be felt here outside of Cal., not very many months hence. With the united effort of the brethren, with the assistance of Elder Beer, the cause will prosper.

As for myself it will be almost impossible for me to do much, as I am compelled to work for the maintenance of my family. I have leased a flouring mill here on the Umpqua River, in Douglas Co., and I will be tied here. But will do all I can. Bro. Pullen will do his part and will move over in the neighborhood of the Brethren. We will organize ourselves into a body soon. Then the work will commence and opposition I suppose will come from where it should not. Bible alone will meet every emergency; thank God for his written word. May the blessings of our Heavenly Father rest upon His cause, and on us all. Respectfully yours in Christ.
SAM. C. BASHOR.

Do We Need a Convention?

Being together in the home of Bro. Swihart this evening, Aug. 10th, we have duly considered the subject of holding a convention this year and take this method of giving our views.

We feel that it is not necessary to call a convention at this time as all the churches as far as we can learn are working harmoniously and doing all they can to further on the work of the Lord. And since about all we could do at a convention would be to pass resolutions pertaining to "mission work" &c., and the papers might get lost before the church would get up to a standard of prosperity to use them, as we have already "Home missions," "Evangelist Mission Fund," "Sister's College Fund," Brethren "Tract Society" &c., pleading for support. And as far as the union between the "Brethren church" and the "Brethren in Christ" is concerned if they at their convention in October next decide to be with us in faith and practice we know of no law either human or divine that will prevent a fraternal recognition.

These are our convictions based upon the associations with several of our churches since the subject has been under consideration.

R. F. MALLOTT.
J. A. RIDENOUR.
J. H. SWIHART.

Nickerson, Kansas.

The cause is still moving along. Last Sunday the 15th, two more, a man and his wife united with the Brethren by baptism. Others are not far from the kingdom. Here, near Christopher, is where we expect brother A. Massena of Linkville, Indiana to settle.

The Lord willing we expect to hold our love feast September 11th, three and one half miles southeast of Nickerson, beginning our examination service at 4 o'clock p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to adjoining churches to feast with us. Those coming by rail should stop off at Nickerson, where they will be met by notifying,
JACOB W. BEER.

Hudson, Iowa.

Aug. 15th, 1886.—As a member of the Executive Committee appointed by the convention held at Dayton, Ohio, I move that the suggestion made by Bro. E. L.

Yoder in the EVANGELIST Aug. 11th, be carried into effect in regard to the contemplated Convention. Who will second it? Please let us hear.

J. NICHOLSON.

Letter to the Ministers of the State of Ohio.

Brethren in Christ:

During the past three or four years no line of temperance effort has received more heartily the approbation of the people at large than the Department known as Scientific Temperance Instruction.

Differences of opinion may exist regarding the action of political parties in their relation to the liquor traffic, but the people seem to be of one mind when the education of the children is in question.

As proof of this, eighteen states have already written upon their statute books a law requiring the effect of stimulants and narcotics on the human system, to be taught in all schools under public control, or supported by public money.

A similar law passed by Congress recently provides this instruction for pupils in the public schools of the Territories and the District of Columbia; in the military and naval academies; in the Indian and Colored schools of the Territories of the United States.

Two attempts have been made to establish the same for Ohio, but without success.

Making effort to secure a compulsory Temperance education law will be the leading line of work of the Ohio Woman's Christian Temperance Union for the coming fall and winter.

We have aimed during the past two years to prepare the way for successful legislative effort, by creating sentiment in favor of this instruction; and there is reason to believe that the time is at hand for accomplishing our purpose, if the proper effort is put forth—which can only mean faithful, persistent work on the part of all interested. Experience has taught us, that tenacity of purpose—unflinching to the very end—is absolutely necessary even in so popular a movement as providing compulsory temperance education for our youth.

To the ministry we have always looked for assistance since the time, twelve years ago, that God called woman into this great field of labor—and we can testify that this assistance has been freely and abundantly given.

In facing the conflict that doubtless awaits us at this hour, to the ministry we again turn for help, believing that the pulpit will prove the faithful right arm of this great undertaking in behalf of the rising generation. The only hope of gaining a successful hearing at the doors of the Legislature, is through the people; and the people, to fully appreciate this work, must be informed.

To bring the people up to the point of fully understanding the necessity for this temperance instruction, will need the combined effort of all forces that can in any way be utilized. Will you not, then, help us to bring this matter properly, and forcibly before the people?

The 290 Women's Christian Temperance Unions of Ohio are ready for the effort. Will you not stay up their hands?

How grandly this organization of consecrated women can work was fully demonstrated during that memorable Amendment Campaign. What amount of means was necessary to push through such a campaign, was, also, fully set forth in that undertaking.

The debt that has hung over our organization in consequence of that effort has led us to plan carefully and thoughtfully before deciding to enter the present work. We believe the people are ready to give of their means for this purpose.

In order to enable us to press, efficiently, plans that have been matured and without leaving us, in the end, embarrassed by debt, will you not, on or near the last Sabbath in September, present to your respective congregations this subject of Scientific Temperance Education, setting forth the duty of the State to fortify its children, through systematic education, against the prevailing temptations of the day, and, at the close of this presentation of the subject, ask, in behalf of this Temperance Education Department, a collection for prosecuting this work, forwarding the same to the Superintendent? A contribution from each church will materially aid.

The great agonizing cry of the mother heart of this nation is, "Give us anything, everything that will in any degree protect the home against the demands of merciless liquor oligarchy. So we stand on the threshold of this systematic effort to throw around our children the protection of compulsory temperance education, and plead for the voice and influence of the pulpit, that hearts and conscience of the Christian people of the State of Ohio may become enlisted in this movement which is, in reality, the very foundation of true temperance reform.

God commanded his ancient people: "Thou shalt teach my statutes unto your children, speaking of them when thou walkest by the way; when thou liest down and when thou risest up."

The same Commander is ours as we conscientiously step forth to teach to the children of the land his unmistakable law of temperance "written in flesh and blood."

In behalf of Ohio's one million children,
FANNIE W. LEITER,
State Supt. Education Department
Ohio W. C. T. Union.
Mansfield, Ohio, August, 1885.

Solicitors appointed for Home Mission Work in Ohio.

The following list of solicitors have been appointed by the Home Mission Board of Ohio, for the purpose of collecting funds for Home Missions:

Foundry City—Mattie Ross.
Ashland City—Mary E. Myers, Elizabeth Herschler.
North Liberty—Minnie Looze, Ella Teeter, Farmersville—Sister Coler, Ruth Henkle, Winchester—Jennie Foust, Nannie Engler, Lexington—Sarah Baker, Jennie Wolf, Pleasant Hill—Sister Harrison, Sister David Oaks.
North Star—Gretude Oaks, Ella Shuck.
Covington—Mary Dunkle, Eunice Cable, Rush Creek—Sadie Hufford, Alice Kistler, West Independence—Hattie Hazen, Elizabeth Krabill.
Dayton—Mary Kiehl, Mattie Boren.
Fair Haven—Clara A. Miller, Susan McFadden.
Homer—Susan Homan, Lavina Hart, Bear Creek—Lizzie Beeghly, Clara Musselman, Laura Billman.
Louisville—Mary Keim, Katie Herschberger, Fair View—Mary J. Hegler, Sister White, Silver Creek and Dry Creek to be supplied yet.
Columbiana—Laura Sloter.
Glenford—Mary Deffenbaugh, Almada Helder.
We have appointed Solicitors in every Brethren Congregation in Ohio that we know of except Silver and Dry Creek churches, from which we have received no word yet. The O. M. Board urges upon the Solicitors to begin work at once to collect funds, and forward to the Secretary, who will credit your church with the amount sent and give you a receipt for the same.
The Board desires the cooperation of every minister in Ohio, to assist the Solicitors in their work. We suggest that the Mission work be made the subject of a special sermon, at least once a year. We leave it to the judgment of the Solicitors and the church in which they live to decide how often to take up collections, or to solicit for the Home Mission Fund. Be sure to act, and get all you can, and send it to Isaac Kihnefue Ashland, Ohio.

The Mission and Educational Fund.

Catherine Cline	\$2 00
Laura Sloter	1 00
Sadie E. Tren	1 00
A. L. Garber	1 00
M. Jennie Frantz	2 00
David Bally	1 00
Sister J. H. Kneser	1 00
Sister Forney	2 00
Fanny Emerson	1 00
Susie Stutzman	2 00
L. L. Tombaugh	1 00
G. A. Copp	5 00
Kate Yost	1 00
Julia Wood	1 25
Kate Herschberger	2 00
Jessie Herschberger	1 00
Minnie Rupert	1 00
Esther Metzger	1 00
E. J. Martin	1 00
Henry P. Stauffer	1 00
Annie Forney	2 00
George Gamble	25
Sallie Keim	25
Melvin B. Summers	10
Bertie Snader	10
Kate R. Price	1 50
A. Sister	2 00
D. O. Brumbaugh	30
Adm. Longaker	30
Miss Mallott	05
Owen Switzer	10
Sallie Baum	10
Nettie Tombaugh	10
Sophia Cassiberry	50
Susie Summers	1 00
Anna McCartney	1 00
Susan Emonds	1 00
Bell Ebe	10
Carrie Blough	10
A. Sister	1 40
Pearl Brower	05
John O. Keim	10
Catherine Horner	1 00
Kate Horner	1 00
John W. Lehman	1 00
Mattie R. Strayer	10
Bertie Keim	10
Sarah Snader	1 00
Minnie Rupert	10
Emma Jane Stowalter	10
Ella B. Hoover	10
Bertie Snader	10
Melvin Summers	10
Fannie Emerson	10
S. H. Replogle	50
Henry P. Stauffer	1 00
Ira Stutzman	10
J. B. Yoder	10
Ella B. Hoover	10
Minnie Rupert	05
Noah B. Focklar	05
Kate J. Stutzman	50
A. Sister	75
Total	\$46.00

Paid for account book..... 50
Paid John Duke McFaden for Mission trip to Lancaster, Pa..... 8 00
Total..... 8 50

Loaned to Ashland College, Jan. 1st, 1886 at 8 per cent interest..... 25 00
Balance in hand..... 13 55

Indiana Mission Funds.

Kate Horner \$1.00	Abram Bender .50
John Steiragle .25	E. Shrock .10
Annie Swihart 1.00	Ella Horner .50
Mary Blayves .10	Sarah Secrist .10
John Long .25	J. P. Crandle .10
Callie Damer .25	Joseph Swihart .25
Susie Long .10	Laura Swihart .10
Mrs. Liby .25	William Damer .50
Ell Horner 1.00	E. L. Horner .50
Mary Miller .25	Ella Crandle .25
Irvin Horner .25	Cath. Horner 1.00
Milton Horner .50	Isiah Horner .50
E. M. Horner .25	Charles Horner .25
Total Amount, \$10.10.	

The above is a report of Sister Ella Horner's work, done in the Indiana and Michigan Mission field.

The Sister did well, and hope that other solicitors will act promptly and send in their amounts collected as this work needs more energetic labor than has been done thus far. We have now, \$12.50 in the Treasury. We ought to have one hundred by this time, so as to keep the good cause moving along rapidly.

D. R. STUTSMAN, Treasurer.

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